

WIC FCE PILOT – FOCUS GROUPS

STAFF FOCUS GROUPS

Purpose: To get information regarding the implementation of FCE to improve the three lesson plans and to improve the ease of implementing FCE-type classes. We want to know how FCE is working for you, how it can be improved, and how we should expand it.

AS THE GROUP GATHERS: *Give out HO*

GROUP QUESTIONS

- Please say your name, which lesson plans you've done, and how many times you tried the lesson plans. If you didn't facilitate a class, how you were involved with FCE.
- How do you find teaching "family-centered" different from teaching adults or teaching children?
- For any of you that taught classes with only adults – how did you make sure that the class was interesting and appropriate for these participants?
- And for the rest of you, how would you make sure that the class is interesting to participants, whether or not they have their children with them?
- How can you tell that your class participants are interested and engaged in the class?

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- Parents?
- Children?
- Was there anything you needed to do FCE that you didn't have? If so, what?
- What do you like the best about teaching to the whole family?
- What advice do you have for us on how to prepare WIC staff to do FCE? Ideas around how to train others?
- How should FCE be spread to other WIC sites?
- Summarize: Is this an adequate summary? Is there anything else you would like to add?

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IF TIME ALLOWS

- Did any children pose a challenge for you? How did you deal with these challenging children? Did it work?
- Did you have any particularly challenging adult participants? How did you deal with them? Did it work?
- Did you communicate with your co-workers about FCE? Did you communicate with colleagues at other pilot sites regarding FCE?
- Where do you get information about group education skills?

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QUESTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL STAFF (if there is an opportunity during the day to talk with them)

- Did you change anything? Add or remove any elements to the lesson plans?
- Do you have suggestions for changes to the lesson plans?
- How usable were the lesson plans for you?
- What worked for you? What didn't work for you? Biggest challenges?
(music; warm-up activity; book sharing; discussion/demonstration; hands-on activity; take-home materials)
- Talk to me about the administration of the class... (record keeping; supplies/materials; space and time constraints)
- How did your agency integrate FCE into the group education calendar? How did you recruit families?